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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Application No.:</b> 09/576,989	<b>Group No.:</b> 1648
<b>Inventor:</b> Rice et al.	<b>Status of Application:</b> Pending
<b>Examiner:</b> Lucas, Zachariah.	<b>Art Unit:</b> 1648
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**Statement of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 (b)****Participants:**

- 1) Zachariah Lucas
- 3) Kimberly Lu

- 2) Charles P. Romano

**Date:** March 17, 2005

**Type:** Telephonic

**Exhibit shown:** No

**Claims Discussed:** 69, 70, 100, 101

**Art Discussed:**

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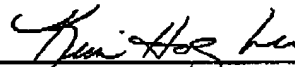
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**Substance of Interview:**

The Examiner considered Claims 69, 70, 100, and 101 to encompass two groups of inventions. Group I comprises polynucleotides, vectors and isolated host cells and Group II comprises transgenic animals and engrafted host cells. Examiner further indicated that a restriction requirement between the groups would be proper and that the portions of Claims 69, 70, 100, and 101 directed to the subject matter of Group I were allowable. Examiner suggested that Applicant elect the claims that are directed to the subject matter of Group I and delete the claims or portions of the claims that are directed to the subject matter of Group II. To accomplish this, the Examiner recommended an Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner stated that the recommended amendments would result in an allowance of the subject matter of Group I, and Applicant retains its rights to pursue the subject matter of Group II in subsequent application(s).

Applicant requested that Examiner a draft Interview Summary outlining the restriction requirement and the Examiner's proposed claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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